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Agricultural Summary: Conditions last week were ideal for field operations as the vast majority of Colorado experienced mostly dry conditions. Wet conditions reportedly delayed harvest activities in some localities within the San Luis Valley. Elsewhere in the valley, conditions for harvesting were more favorable. Statewide, farmers were allowed 6.7 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	31	60	3
Last Week	5	30	61	4
Last Year	7	19	70	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	30	54	1
Last Week	15	31	53	1
Last Year	20	35	44	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 83 percent emerged, up from 70 percent previously. This is ahead of 71 percent last year and the average of 73 percent.

Row Crops: Ninety percent of the corn crop was mature while 30 percent harvested, continuing behind respective averages of 95 and 44 percent. Virtually all dry beans were cut while 76 percent were harvested, behind 80 percent last year and 88 percent on average. Onions were 92 percent harvested, up from 78 percent last week. The harvest of San Luis Valley potatoes gained 11 percentage points, ending last week on 90 percent complete. Sorghum was 79 percent mature, and 19 percent was harvested. On average, sorghum is 85 percent mature and 21 percent harvested by now. Sugarbeets were 56 percent harvested by week's end, ahead of 51 percent last year

and 52 percent on average. Sunflowers were 15 percent harvested, behind 40 percent last year and the average of 45 percent.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 19, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	7	44	39	9
Last Year	0	7	39	44	10
Corn					
This Week	1	5	25	53	16
Last Year	12	13	31	37	7

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 66 percent fair to good across the State. On average, 54 percent is fair to good. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 74 percent complete, up from 56 percent a week earlier. On average, the fourth cutting is 70 percent complete.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 19, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	20	27	39	8
Prev. Year - 2013	14	20	30	26	10
5-Year Avg.	21	20	30	24	5

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 10 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Last week, stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 10 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 19, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	74	56	67	70
Corn				
Mature	90	81	93	95
Harvested	30	14	38	44
Dry Beans				
Cut	98	93	99	99
Harvested	76	64	80	88
Onions				
Harvested	92	78	82	93
Potatoes				
Inside SLV				
Harvested	90	79	90	94
Sorghum				
Mature	79	61	82	85
Harvested	19	13	13	21
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	56	46	51	52
Sunflowers				
Harvested	15	4	40	45
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	83	70	71	73

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	17	70	12
Sorghum	0	15	56	28	1
Sugarbeets	1	3	21	51	24
Sunflowers	1	18	32	41	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.